

II. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-52 remain in the application.

Applicant notes that this is the fifth non final Office action for this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there has been no art cited that anticipates or renders the present claims unpatentable and request expedited prosecution and allowance of the claims.

2. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13, 15-28, 31, 33-38, and 41-52 are not anticipated by Lau et al. (US 6,772,212, "Lau") under 35 USC 102(e).

Lau is not a valid reference. Lau's filing date of 8 March 2000 fails to precede Applicant's foreign priority date of 5 November 1999 and 23 December 1999.

Therefore, Lau does not anticipate claims 1-13, 15-28, 31, 33-38, and 41-52.

3. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4, 14, 22, 29, 32, 30, 36, 39, 40, and 45 are not anticipated by Lau and Buckley (US 6,163,809) under 35 USC 102(a).'

Lau is not a valid reference for the reasons referred to above.


Therefore, claims 4, 14, 22, 29, 32, 30, 36, 39, 40, and 45 are patentable over the combination of Lau and Buckley.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and

are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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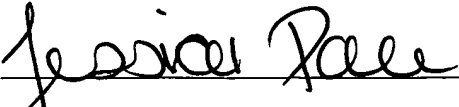
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